electrically conductive coil and base insulating layer with a second insulating layer. As claimed, process Claims 21-24 recite that the electrically conductive layer is attached to a base insulating layer before the electrically conductive layer is processed to form a coil. Then, a second insulting layer is formed over the coil and base insulating layer. Thus, the difference between the claimed process and the Examiner's proposed process is whether the conductive layer is attached to the base insulating layer before it is formed into a coil. Applicant submits that voice coils of the nature claimed in the present application are too delicate to permit their formation prior to attachment to the base insulating layer. In other words, the process proposed by the Examiner is not a viable alternative method.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that where a single field of a search thoroughly covers all of the claims in an application, different classifications in the Patent and Trademark Office should not be controlling. It is respectfully submitted that in this case the restriction requirement only serves to increase the expense to Applicant and to the Patent and Trademark Office. As noted in the Commissioner's Notice of April 9, 1975, 930 O.G. 450 and M.P.E.P. § 803, where search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is encouraged to examine on the merits, even if it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Amendment

Please cancel Claims 8 and 18.

Please add the following new claims:

25.   The coil of Claim 6, with the first and second active leg portions curving inward of the band, and the inactive leg portion curving outward of the band.

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26. The coil of Claim 16, with the first and second active leg portions curving inward of the band, and the inactive leg portion curving outward of the band.

27. A voice coil for a disk drive actuator made by the process comprising:

Providing a first electrically insulating layer of material of a predetermined thickness;

Forming a planar electrically conductive coil on the first layer by securing conductive material to the first layer;

Securing a second electrically insulating layer of material to the coil to form a coil laminate; and

Securing the laminate to the actuator.

28. The product by process of claim 27, further comprising providing adhesive to secure the first and second layers and coil together.

29. The product by process of claim 27, wherein the first and second layers are polymide and the conductive material is copper.

30. The product by process of claim 27, wherein the process of forming the coil includes photo-etching.

Attached hereto is a version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."
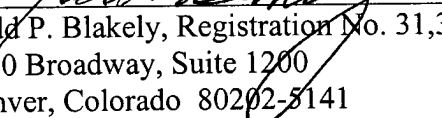
Applicant submits new Claims 27-30 are properly supported by the specification and claim subject matter inseparable from the claims of Groups I and II, as those groups are defined by the Examiner. As with the claims of Groups I and II, search and examination of the new claims can be accomplished together with the claims of Groups I and II without serious burden on the Examiner. Moreover, new Claims 27-30 should be considered linking claims weighing against restriction, even if the claims of Groups I and II are properly separable. (See, M.P.E.P. § 809.03).

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Original Claims 8 and 18 have been cancelled and rewritten as new Claims 25 and 26. Applicant incorrectly considered original Claims 8 and 18 as independent claims in calculating its filing fee. Claims 8 and 18 are correctly dependent claims. The present amendment corrects this error. As a result, a check in the amount of $72.00 is enclosed to cover the addition of four new claims. It is believed that no fee is necessary for new independent Claim 27.

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